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**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members  
**FROM:** Linda Lake, Board Chair  
**RE: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO POLICY 01-001**

**Background and Summary**

In January 2001, the State Board of Health adopted Policy 01-001. The policy creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. At its March 13 meeting and again at its October 9 meeting, the Board engaged in discussions about how well this policy has been working.

Three key points emerged from the October 9 discussion:

- (1) Individual SBOH members should feel comfortable saying no if staff members recommend that they take a position on a piece of legislation but the Board member feels additional discussion by the full Board is warranted. This would be true even if the window for commenting on a bill closes before the Board next met.
- (2) There is a desire on the part of some members that the Board be more proactive in discussing possible legislation before session starts so it can develop a sense of the Board on key issues. Positions that evolve from the discussion can guide members during session.
- (3) Policy 01-001 should be revised to reflect generally the October 9 Board discussion, and specifically points (1) and (2) above.

Accordingly, I asked staff to propose revisions to the Policy 01-001. I now bring those revisions before the Board for review and possible adoption.

**Recommended Board Action**

The Board may wish to discuss, modify if necessary, and consider adopting the following motion:

***The Board adopts revisions to Policy 01-001 as proposed [??and amended??] on December 9, 2002.***

Attachments